

REMARKS

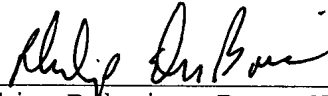
Responsive to the restriction requirement imposed in the Official Action of March 29, 2007, applicants hereby provisionally elect Group II, claims 14-19, drawn to a microorganism containing either SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2 capable of secreting and producing  $\beta$ -glucan.

Such action is therefore respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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